Statement

The rates of cotton in the world market as compared to Indian Market for Major varieties during the last three years were as under

(Prices in Rs. per kg.)

	Domestic Prices			International Prices		
	1991	1992	1993	1991	1992	1993
1. J-34SG	27.84	24.60	28.40	38.76 —42.07	—	30.93 —37.50
2. H-4	37.96	27.98	33.74	40.80 —45.64	—	34.06 —38.44
3. S-6	40.21	28.58	36.00	41.56 —46.66	—	34.77 —40.31

Supply and Demand of Cotton in the Country

1580. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many times the cotton advisory Board meets each year;

(b) what are the details of the estimate of cotton supply and demand position for the last five years, the details year-wise and date-wise;

(c) what are the reasons for change in these figures; and

(d) what is the machanism C.A.B. adopts to collect these figures and what is that source alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Cotton Advisory Board (CAB) meets each year as many times as is felt necessary.

(b) A Statement is attached (*See* below).

(c) There are several variables in the assessment of cotton. The crop position may vary depending on the availability of timely and adequate rains, attack by pests or diseases, conditions of natural calamities like drought, cyclone etc. The figure relating to import of cotton under Advance Licensing Scheme by yarn exporting mills cannot be anticipated with any accuracy. The actual figures of import are obtained from time to time from the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta and taken into account by the CAB. The Mill consumption figure is compiled on the basis of the statutory reports received from the mills in the Office of the Textile Commissioner. Export figures might also change if there is a shortfall in the export of the quota released and allocated. All these are variable factors which occasionally necessitate a change in the assessment.

(d) Different agencies make an assessment of the cotton crop through their own field staff. The agencies making such assessment include the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, The Directorate of Cotton Development, Ministry of Agriculture, The Cotton Corporation of India, The All India Co-operative Cotton Federation,, The East India Cotton Association, the State Departments of Agriculture and the State Co-operative supply and Marketing Federations. All these Agencies are represented on the CAB. Their assessments are considered and discussed and checked with the area under crop and the productivity of cotton in each state. The most credible and realistic estimate in respect of each state arrived at is accepted in the meeting. While making the final estimate after the year is over the figures of ginning and pressing factories collected by the Trade Associations also become available. The crop size is estimated and finalised in this manner.

Regarding imports, the Board relies on the figures obtained from the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and

Statistics, Calcutta. The Non-Mill consumption is taken on the basis of the likely consumption in the Khadi Sector, estimated use for making surgical cotton, pillows and mettresses etc. The Small Mill consumption is assessed on the basis of the yarn estimated as produced by them and the cotton required in the making of that yarn. The mill consumption figures are based on the statutory reports received from the mills in the organised sector. The export figures are maintained in the office of the Textile Commissioner and those are accepted by the Board.

Statement

Estimates of cotton supply and demand position for the last 5 years are as under

(In lakh bales of 170 kgs. each)

Supply	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94(P)*
Opening Stock	22.00	33.04	22.64	32.78	30.74
Crop	135.75	117.00	119.00	135.00	135.00 (±1.00)
Import	—	—	3.00	0.80	0.50
TOTAL	157.75	150.04	144.64	168.58	166.24 (±1.00)
DEMAND					
Mill Consumption	104.50	108.00	103.09	112.81	117.00
Non-Mill Consumption	6.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00
Small Spinners' Consumption	—	—	—	3.26	3.50
Exports	13.71	11.90	0.77	13.766	65.95
TOTAL	124.71	127.40	111.86	137.836	134.195
BALANCES	33.04	22.64	32.78	30.74	32.04 (±1.00)

*As assessed by CAB on 8-11-93. Thereafter, there have been report of crop demage in the Northern belt due to pest attack and crop in 1993-94 may be 130 lakh bales or less.

Production and Utilisation of Cotton in Andhra Pradesh

1581. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total anticipated production and utilisation of cotton in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) how many ginning, pressing, spinning textile units are in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the number of them which are sick; and since when; and

(d) what steps have been taken to revive them, with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (d) Information is being collected.